# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

## RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1920

#### TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2024

#### HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL WOMEN

#### 1920. SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched any new scheme with special focus on the holistic development of rural women during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the budget allocated under these new schemes, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (d) whether Government contemplates to associate, promote and provide cooperation to Non Governmental Organizations working in this direction; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a) to (e): The Government gives utmost priority to the safety, security and empowerment of women in the country including rural women. Government has adopted multi-pronged approach to address the needs of women on a life-cycle continuum basis for their educational, social, economic and political empowerment so that they become equal partners in fast paced and sustainable national development. This 'Women led development' is essential for realising the goal of a developed India, or 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047.

In the past few years, a number of initiatives have been taken for holistic development and empowerment of women in the country.

Under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), nearly 10.05 crore rural households mobilized into 90.87 lakh SHGs that are transforming rural socio-economic landscape in country.

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA) mandates that at least one third of the jobs generated under the scheme (MGNREGS) should be given to women.

Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G) Scheme focuses on woman ownership of houses and it has been decided that the allotment of house shall be made, with some exceptions, in the name of the woman or jointly in the name of the husband and wife.

Construction of over 11.60 crore toilets under 'Swachh Bharat Mission', clean cooking gas connections to 10.30 crore women below poverty line under 'Ujjawala Yojana' and connecting over 15.10 crores rural households with tap drinking water connections under 'Jal Jeevan Mission' have transformed the lives of women including women in rural areas.

To ensure economic independence of women through skill development and vocational training, the Government has also introduced Skill India Mission. Government has also set up the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana across the country. Emphasis has been laid on creating additional infrastructure both for training and apprenticeship for women

There are schemes like Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana and Stand-Up India, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) which have been launched for helping women set up their own enterprises. To economically empower women, 84% of loans of sizes from rupees ten lakh to rupees one crore under 'Stand-Up India' have been made available to women by the Government.

In order to enhance the employability of female workers, the Government is providing training to them through a network of Women Industrial Training institutes, National Vocational Training Institutes and Regional Vocational Training Institutes.

National Agriculture Market or e-NAM, an online trading platform for agricultural commodities is helping women overcome or compensate the barriers they face in accessing markets. National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is playing a significant role to uplift women cooperatives as large number of women are engaged and involved in cooperatives dealing with activities related to food grain processing, plantation crops, oilseeds processing, fisheries, dairy & livestock, spinning mills, handloom and power loom weaving, Integrated Cooperative Development Projects, etc.

In 2017, the Maternity Benefit Act was amended to increase paid maternity leave from 12 weeks to 26 weeks for the first two children. This Act also provides for paid maternity leave to women workers and crèche facility within prescribed distance in all establishments having fifty or more employees.

A number of enabling provisions for creating congenial work environment for women workers have been incorporated in Labour Codes viz. the Code on Wages, 2019, the Industrial Relations Code, 2020, the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 and the Code on Social Security, 2020.

In order to bring women in the mainstream of political leadership at the grass root level, Government has reserved at least 33% of the seats in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) for women through the 73<sup>rd</sup> amendment to the Constitution. Today, there are more than 14.50 lakh

Elected Women Representatives (EWRs) in PRIs, which is approximately 46% of the total elected representatives.

The greatest leap forward for women empowerment and representation of women in the highest political offices in the country has been the notification by Government of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, 2023 (Constitution One Hundred and Sixth Amendment) Act, 2023 on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, for reservation of one-third of seats for women in the House of People (Lok Sabha) and in the State Legislative Assemblies including Legislative Assembly of NCT of Delhi.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the country for the welfare of women and children, which are clubbed into three umbrella missions viz. (1) Mission Shakti, for safety, protection and empowerment of women; (2) Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 for improving nutrition & health indicators in the country; and (3) Mission Vatsalya, for protection and welfare of children in difficult circumstances. The details of the schemes are as under:

(i) Mission Shakti: The 'Mission Shakti' aims at strengthening interventions for women safety, security and empowerment. It seeks to focus on proposing strategies for improving convergence across Ministries/ Departments and at different levels of governance. Mission Shakti comprises of two verticals 'Sambal' and 'Samarthya' for safety and security of women and empowerment of women respectively.

The "Sambal" vertical is for safety and security of women. It has the schemes of One Stop Centres (OSCs), Women Helpline (WHL), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) and Nari Adalat.

- a. **One Stop Centres (OSCs)-** An institution located at district level offering under one roof immediate help to women in distress such as temporary shelter, medical & police assistance, counselling and legal support.
- b. **Women Helpline (WHL)-** The Women Helpline 181 provides toll-free 24-hours telecom service to women seeking support and information. It is also integrated with Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) 112 for all emergency services and its integration with all One Stop Centres is in progress.
- c. **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)-** BBBP is a mindset change program helping in generating awareness for valuing the girl child through multi-sectoral interventions.
- d. **Nari Adalat-** An experimental platform providing women with an alternative Grievance Redressal Mechanism at Gram Panchayat level by negotiation, mediation, and reconciliation with mutual consent for speedy, accessible, and affordable justice. It has been piloted in 50 Gram Panchayats each of Assam and UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

The "Samarthya" vertical is for empowerment of women. It has the schemes of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), Shakti Sadan, Sakhi Niwas, Palna and SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW).

a. **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)-** PMMVY is a Centrally Sponsored Maternity Benefits Scheme under which cash incentives of ₹5,000/- is provided directly to the Bank/Post Office account of the beneficiary in Direct Benefit

- Transfer (DBT) mode for first child. Cash incentive of ₹6,000/- is also provided under PMMVY to eligible beneficiaries for second child being a girl child.
- b. **Shakti Sadan-** Shakti Sadan is an Integrated Relief and Rehabilitation Home for the women in distress situations and difficult circumstances.
- c. **Sakhi Niwas-** The Sakhi Niwas Scheme (Working Women Hostel) is a demand driven centrally sponsored scheme, under which funds are released directly to the States/UTs and aims to promote availability of safe and conveniently located accommodation for working women in urban, semi-urban and even rural areas where employment opportunity for women exist.
- d. **Palna-** Palna scheme through day-care créche facilities provides safe and secure place for the children. Creche services formalise the child care facilities hitherto considered as part of domestic work and uses Aanganwadi infrastructure for ensuring delivery of care facilities till the last mile
- e. **SANKALP:** Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW)- The SANKALP: HEW serves as a vehicle to bridge the information and knowledge gap regarding schemes and facilities available for women. It also serves as a Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) for all components under Mission Shakti.
- (ii) Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0): Under this programme, Anganwadi Services Scheme, POSHAN Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent Girls has been reorganized into 3 primary verticals: (i) Nutrition Support for children below the age of 6 years, Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers and Adolescent Girls (14-18 years); (ii) Early Childhood Care and Education [3-6 years] and (iii) Anganwadi Infrastructure including modern, upgraded Saksham Anganwadi.
- (iii) Mission Vatsalya: Mission Vatsalya (erstwhile Child Protection Services Scheme (ICPS)) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) which is implemented through States/Union Territories (UTs) to deliver services for better outreach and protection for Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP) and Children in Conflict with Law (CCL) which include Institutional Care and Non-Institutional Care in a mission mode with the objective to: (i) Support and sustain Children in difficult circumstances (ii) Develop context-based solutions for holistic development of children from varied backgrounds (iii) Provide scope for green field projects for encouraging innovative solutions (iv) Cement convergent action by gap funding, if required.

The scheme also provides for emergency outreach services (24x7) for children in difficult circumstances through Child Helpline (1098).

These initiatives are transformative schemes designed to address critical social issues about women & children and bring about lasting social change in the country. They target key areas of welfare & development of women and children aiming to create a more inclusive, equitable, just and supportive society.

The State/ UT-wise and year-wise details of funds released for various schemes are at **Annexure**.

Annexure referred to in the reply to part (a) to (e) of the Rajya Sabha Un-starred Question No. 1920 for answer on 11.12.2024 regarding "Holistic Development of Rural Women' raised by Smt. Phulo Devi Netam

The State/ UT-wise and year-wise details of funds released for various schemes:

Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0

Sl.	States/UTs		Funds rel	unds released (Rs. In Crores)						
No.		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24				
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	14.98	16.37	19.71	3.85	12.15				
2	Andhra Pradesh	825.24	701.82	744.60	827.79	705.68				
3	Arunachal Pradesh	134.71	82.92	170.83	137.78	162.06				
4	Assam	1365.53	1109.75	1319.90	1651.63	2233.31				
5	Bihar	1539.37	1288.98	1574.43	1740.09	1859.29				
6	Chandigarh	17.03	13.35	15.32	33.10	19.79				
7	Chhattisgarh	483.88	513.95	606.73	668.96	579.46				
8	Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	17.20	9.02	9.33	5.80	11.97				
9	Delhi	133.06	102.70	133.11	182.77	161.81				
10	Goa	16.02	20.44	10.84	14.71	13.95				
11	Gujarat	854.00	633.13	839.86	912.64	1126.80				
12	Haryana	181.00	185.29	173.03	195.25	225.78				
13	Himachal Pradesh	251.82	258.55	247.99	270.24	301.09				
14	Jammu & Kashmir	332.85	294.17	405.74	479.01	530.88				
15	Jharkhand	436.10	464.33	352.98	430.91	664.30				
16	Karnataka	861.87	697.17	1003.70	765.87	912.96				
17	Kerala	321.42	352.03	388.23	444.98	306.64				
18	Ladakh	0.00	24.18	14.70	18.79	19.62				
19	Lakshadweep	2.59	3.06	2.11	0.44	2.88				
20	Madhya Pradesh	1225.60	1238.06	1085.47	1011.57	1123.11				
21	Maharashtra	1669.40	1205.99	1713.39	1646.17	1699.52				
22	Manipur	162.54	175.77	228.92	135.95	201.28				
23	Meghalaya	225.66	177.92	173.33	192.39	269.69				
24	Mizoram	63.26	74.60	59.32	42.81	100.27				
25	Nagaland	178.92	167.23	159.80	199.30	262.91				
26	Odisha	860.66	858.68	1065.98	923.92	968.80				
27	Puducherry	9.86	4.38	2.78	0.12	4.48				
28	Punjab	201.44	174.71	383.52	75.31	307.87				
29	Rajasthan	673.95	641.77	682.65	974.02	1091.96				
30	Sikkim	29.47	24.50	25.73	20.33	33.49				

	Total	18633.81	16105.78	18368.01	19849.82	21741.17
36	West Bengal	1165.26	1066.64	668.35	1227.59	1237.56
35	Uttarakhand	373.96	327.92	353.65	425.84	288.24
34	Uttar Pradesh	2544.00	2017.49	2407.55	2721.87	2668.69
33	Tripura	166.47	154.16	186.72	150.52	244.22
32	Telangana	529.96	405.32	482.33	550.69	507.87
31	Tamil Nadu	764.73	619.43	655.38	766.81	880.79

### **Under PMMVY of Mission Shakti**

Sl. Amount released (Rs. In Crores						
No.	State/UT	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1.27	0.98	1.19	0.18	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	101.25	14.39	20.22	71.89	57.99
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	8.72	0.56	1.43	0
4	Assam	125.95	94.69	35.47	79.18	155.05
5	Bihar	101.88	319.98	211.74	171.74	0
6	Chandigarh	3.99	4.40	1.89	0.62	4.08
7	Chhattisgarh	52.93	9.66	38.66	72.75	0
l X	Dadra & Nagar Haveli Daman & Diu	2.51	0.34	0	1.84	0.91
9	Goa	1.40	0.12	1.09	1.61	0
10	Gujarat	102.68	-	46.32	10.75	75.64
11	Haryana	65.87	7.36	40.02	63.66	0
12	Himachal Pradesh	33.69	7.73	21.17	14.19	10.56
13	Jammu & Kashmir	30.12	7.50	39.34	20.60	33.60
14	Jharkhand	63.38	16.27	58.39	29.27	0
15	Karnataka	119.53	37.92	142.77	148.87	113.96
16	Kerala	64.19	15.29	53.37	53.96	61.06
17	Ladakh	-	0.76	0.38	0.31	0.69
18	Lakshadweep	0.18	0.06	0.11	0.14	0.23
19	Madhya Pradesh	285.16	62.78	130.29	204.02	105.51
20	Maharashtra	294.14	113.11	99.50	240.83	0
21	Manipur	4.12	6.48	1.15	3.45	7.93
22	Meghalaya	4.21	5.08	5.08	6.26	0
23	Mizoram	8.12	5.46	2.9	1.99	1.40
24	Nagaland	2.67	1.39	4.98	2.03	2.42
25	NCT of Delhi	26.88	5.46	28.31	31.46	27.15
26	Odisha	-	-	0	0	0
27	Puducherry	1.60	0.85	2.39	1.96	0
28	Punjab	35.54	12.79	16.47	18.82	32.05
29	Rajasthan	96.52	100.02	108.20	81.84	123.23
30	Sikkim	0.88	0.57	0.42	0.70	1.28
31	Tamil Nadu	46.21	93.39	52.31	68.03	0
32	Telangana	0	-	0	0	0
33	Tripura	5.29	7.55	6.04	3.27	11.31
34	Uttar Pradesh	405.56	99.28	290.85	500.68	0
35	Uttarakhand	27.66	18.97	20.71	16.69	30.35
36	West Bengal	87.69	-	46.94	63.22	0
	Total	2203.04	1079.37	1628.42	1988.25	856.42

For SANKALP: HEW under Mission Shakti

Sl.	States/ UTs	A	sed (In Rs.)		
No.		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	
				(upto 30.11.2024)	
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.59	0.59	0.00	
2	Andhra Pradesh	2.12	0.00	0.00	
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3.07	0.00	0.00	
4	Assam	4.23	10.72	0.00	
5	Bihar	3.05	0.00	3.13	
6	Chandigarh	0.33	0.74	0.00	
7	Chhattisgarh	2.66	0.00	0.00	
8	Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	0.59	0.00	0.75	
9	Delhi	0.97	0.00	0.74	
10	Goa	0.00	0.30	0.00	
11	Gujarat	2.66	3.53	0.95	
12	Haryana	1.82	0.00	0.00	
13	Himachal Pradesh	1.57	2.00	0.93	
14	Jammu and Kashmir	0.00	7.25	3.17	
15	Jharkhand	0.12	1.85	0.00	
16	Karnataka	0.00	2.51	2.47	
17	Kerala	1.20	1.53	0.00	
18	Ladakh	0.46	0.46	0.59	
19	Lakshadweep	0.33	0.00	0.00	
20	Madhya Pradesh	0.00	4.96	0.00	
21	Maharashtra	0.00	9.22	0.00	
22	Manipur	2.03	0.00	0.00	
23	Meghalaya	1.57	2.89	0.00	
24	Mizoram	1.45	1.39	3.18	
25	Nagaland	0.00	4.51	1.85	
26	Odisha	0.00	0.00	0.00	
27	Puducherry	0.12	0.31	0.00	
28	Punjab	1.89	0.00	0.00	
29	Rajasthan	2.66	3.43	0.00	
30	Sikkim	0.00	0.87	1.06	
31	Tamil Nadu	3.05	7.47	0.00	
32	Telangana	2.66	3.38	0.00	
33	Tripura	1.11	0.00	0.00	
34	UP	5.90	0.00	7.80	
35	Uttarakhand	1.68	2.14	0.00	
36	West Bengal	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Total	49.90	72.03	29.10	

## Under Anganwadi cum Crèche (AWCC) of Mission Shakti

Sl.	State/ UT	Funds released (Rs. In Crores)			
No.		2023-24	2024-25 (upto 30.11.2024)		
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.13	0		
2.	Assam	2.02	0		
3.	Bihar	0.53	0		
4.	Chandigarh	0	4.24		
5.	Chhattisgarh	19.75	0		
6.	Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	0.62	0.65		
7.	Delhi	1.83	0		
8.	Goa	0.08	0		
9.	Haryana	0	1.00		
10.	Himachal Pradesh	0	2.67		
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	7.27	3.23		
12.	Jharkhand	10.03	0		
13.	Karnataka	5.610	0		
14.	Kerala	5.19	0		
15.	Ladakh	0.10	0		
16.	Lakshadweep	0.01	0		
17.	Maharashtra	2.32	0		
18.	Manipur	0.54	0		
19.	Meghalaya	1.20	0		
20.	Mizoram	2.28	0		
21.	Nagaland	1.84	0		
22.	Puducherry	0.26	0		

23.	Punjab	0	1.62
24.	Sikkim	0.16	0
25.	Tamil Nadu	1.74	5.88
26.	Telangana	0.22	9.80
27.	Tripura	0	6.63
28.	Uttarakhand	0.39	0
	Total	64.1	35.72

### **Under OSC of Mission Shakti**

Sl.	States/UTs	Amount released (Rs. In Crores)				
No.		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0.42	0.39	0.58	0.15	1.36
2	Andhra Pradesh	2.61	2.05	2.50	0.73	6.06
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1.34	5.14	3.69	0.40	8.48
4	Assam	8.04	6.42	6.51	1.30	17.55
5	Bihar	10.46	7.10	5.55	0.00	0.00
6	Chandigarh	0.15	0.34	0.15	0.49	0.17
7	Chhattisgarh	6.77	3.53	5.27	3.05	8.82
	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50
	Delhi	3.91	1.89	1.85	1.39	1.85
	Goa	0.15	0.30	0.30	0.00	0.00
	Gujarat	6.80	8.75	9.97	3.87	11.66
	Haryana	4.02	3.98	3.85	1.87	5.95
	Himachal Pradesh	3.17	2.04	1.80	0.19	4.03
	Jammu and Kashmir	0.96	2.19	3.23	0.00	3.36
	Jharkhand	4.09	6.97	5.07	0.00	0.00
	Karnataka	5.82	7.29	5.14	1.31	10.54
	Kerala	1.41	2.43	2.34	1.39	0.00
	Ladakh-UT	0.00	0.65	0.30	0.00	0.34
	Lakshadweep	0.21	0.08	0.15	0.00	0.17
	Madhya Pradesh	16.71	10.57	9.21	2.62	8.20
	Maharashtra	6.70	6.46	5.61	0.69	15.40
	Manipur	2.49	5.02	3.97	5.43	2.69
	Meghalaya	3.74	2.12	2.76	2.33	3.22
	Mizoram	2.19	1.73	2.80	1.78	2.83
	Nagaland	1.92	3.30	5.29	1.97	5.46
	Odisha	2.09	9.32	7.39	6.15	10.85
27	Puducherry	0.44	0.72	0.67	0.18	0.00
28	Punjab	3.52	4.91	3.85	0.00	3.89
29	Rajasthan	6.77	5.67	9.42	1.30	8.84
30	Sikkim	0.68	0.66	0.81	0.77	1.26
31	Tamil Nadu	7.14	10.67	5.20	6.97	11.59
32	Telangana	6.24	7.93	9.46	13.93	12.17
	Tripura	0.60	1.62	1.36	0.18	0.00
	Uttar Pradesh	12.32	22.88	13.97	3.47	18.13
35	Uttrakhand	2.29	2.73	2.63	1.53	4.37
36	West Bengal	0.95	1.99	2.27	0.28	0.00
	Total	137.12	159.83	144.94	65.73	189.73

**Under WHL of Mission Shakti** 

Sl.	States/UTs	Amount released (Rs. In Crores)				
No.		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0.34	0.17	0.33	0.26	0.43
2	Andhra Pradesh	0.34	0.58	1.19	0.00	0.69
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0.61	0.40	0.47	0.28	0.55
4	Assam	0.62	0.64	0.61	0.00	0.28
5	Bihar	0.47	0.23	0.90	0.00	1.05
6	Chandigarh	0.66	0.51	0.62	0.50	0.19
7	Chhattisgarh	0.68	0.67	1.00	0.28	0.55
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	0.34	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.28
9	Delhi	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Goa	0.28	0.17	0.17	0.78	0.55
11	Gujarat	0.47	0.23	0.00	0.00	1.13
12	Haryana	0.22	0.17	0.47	0.00	0.83
13	Himachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Jammu and Kashmir-UT	0.98	0.60	0.66	0.00	0.55
15	Jharkhand	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.83
16	Karnataka	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.95
17	Kerala	0.34	0.81	0.85	0.28	0.41
18	Ladakh-UT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.28
19	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.28
20	Madhya Pradesh	0.00	0.23	0.59	0.54	0.38
21	Maharashtra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22	Manipur	0.00	0.17	0.84	0.00	0.00
23	Meghalaya	0.34	0.88	0.51	0.48	0.28
24	Mizoram	0.34	0.68	1.02	0.00	0.69
25	Nagaland	0.34	1.02	0.68	0.58	0.28
26	Odisha	0.34	0.96	0.47	0.45	0.54
27	Puducherry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
28	Punjab	0.34	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.28
29	Rajasthan	0.47	0.67	0.56	0.38	0.76
30	Sikkim	0.34	0.17	0.57	0.00	0.28
31	Tamil Nadu	0.47	0.23	0.51	0.46	0.49
32	Telangana	1.28	0.49	0.83	0.74	0.00
33	Tripura	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
34	Uttar Pradesh	0.47	1.33	0.59	0.17	0.96
35	Uttarakhand	0.60	0.17	0.10	0.00	0.58
36	West Bengal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	11.68	12.53	14.53	6.16	15.34